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MEDIUM, DATA STRUCTURE,
CONTROL PROGRAM, COMPUTER-
READABLE RECORDING MEDIUM
STORING CONTROL PROGRAM

Examiner: HARVEY, DAVID E

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT (IDS)

MS Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir/Madam:

Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, the attention of the Patent and Trademark Office is hereby directed to the references/documents listed on the attached PTO/SB/08a/b. It is respectfully requested that these references/documents be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application, and that these references/documents be made of record therein and appear among the "References Cited" on any patent to issue therefrom.

I **COPIES**

- a. X Submitted herewith is a legible copy of (i) each U.S and foreign patent; (ii) each publication or that portion which caused it to be listed; and (iii) all other information or that portion which caused it to be listed. (Applications filed after June 30, 2003, no copies of cited US Patents are required and therefore, are not enclosed).

- b. ☐ This application relies under 35 U.S.C. § 120, on the earlier filing date of prior application Serial No. ☐, filed on ☐. The references listed on the attached Form PTO/SB08a/b were submitted to, and/or cited by, the Office in the prior application(s) and, therefore, are not required to be provided in this application.

II. CONCISE EXPLANATION OF THE RELEVANCE
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- a. ☒ Except as may be indicated below in (b), all of the patents, publications or other information submitted herewith are in the English language or were cited in an English language Search Report, a copy of which is attached hereto (concise explanation not required).
- b. ☒ A concise explanation of the relevance of all patents, publications or other information listed that is not in the English language is as follows:

The relationships among the various references cited and provided herewith, are set forth in the following chart:

CITED REFERENCES COUNTRY CODE-NO.-KIND (IF KNOWN)	MM/DD/YYYY	CORRESPONDING ENGLISH DOCUMENTS	
		Country Code-No.-Kind Code (if known)	MM/DD/YYYY
JP2003-61055 A previously submitted	02/28/2003	US2002/0186485 AI US2007/0172207 AI	12/12/2002 07/26/2007
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c. X The following additional information is provided for the Examiner's consideration:

The documents cited and provided herewith were cited in a Japanese Office Action mailed on 8 December 2009 by the Japanese Patent Office in an application corresponding to the above-identified application (see Japanese Application Nos. 2009-208580 and 2009-208578 (which are both Divisional applications that correspond to Japanese Application No. 2004-290771 that corresponds to the above-identified application)).

FEES**III. THIS IDS IS BEING FILED UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)**
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- a. ☐ within three months of the filing date of a national application (37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b) (1). No fee or certification is required.
- b. ☐ within three months of the date of entry of the national stage as set forth in §1.491 in an international application (37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b) (2). No fee or certification is required.
- c. ☒ before the mailing date of a first Action on the merits (37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b) (3)). No fee or certification is required. In the event that a first Office Action on the merits has been issued, please consider this IDS under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(c) and see the certification under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e) below, or, if no certification has been made, charge our deposit account a fee in the amount of \$180.00 as required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(p).

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- a. ☐ No certification; therefore, a fee in the amount of \$180.00 is required by 37 C.F.R. §1.17(p).

OR

- b. ☒ See the certification below. No fee is required.

V. STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(d)

The undersigned hereby states that

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The undersigned hereby states that

- a. X each item of information contained in the IDS (except JP2003-61055 (Item BA) which has been previously cited in this application and is **not enclosed**) was first cited in any communication from a foreign Patent Office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this IDS; or
- b. _____ no item of information contained in the IDS was first cited in a communication from a foreign Patent Office in a counterpart foreign application or, to the best of my knowledge after making reasonable inquiry, was known to any individual designated in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56(c) more than three months prior to the filing of this statement.

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 X No fee is required.

 X Applicant believes that additional fees beyond those submitted herewith are not required in connection with the consideration of this submission. However, if for any reason a further fee is required, a fee paid is inadequate or a credit is owed for any excess fee paid, you are hereby authorized and requested to charge and/or credit Deposit Account No. 04-1105, as necessary, for the correct payment of all fees which may be due in connection with the filing and consideration of this communication.

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The Director is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency in the fees filed, asserted to be filed or which should have been filed herewith (or with any paper hereafter filed in this application by this firm) to our Deposit Account No. 04-1105, under Order No. 65325(70904).

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